

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2209
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2014
KAIGA KOZHICODE HIGH TENSION LINE
Gaddigoudar Shri Parvatagouda Chandanagouda

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited is laying the 400 KV Kaiga-Kozhikode high tension line which is passing in Coorg district of Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and its likely impact on forests, trees and various habitations; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that the line is not laid in the vicinity of wild life protection zones and trees, habitations etc. are saved?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, COAL AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Madam. PGCIL after studying various alternative routes, has selected a route which will have minimal impact on Forests & Environment of that area. Places of worship and inhabited areas have been avoided to the extent possible. The route has been selected to cause least impact to the crops and plantations also.

c) : PGCIL on the advice of State Government/Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wild Life), Karnataka has taken necessary measures suggested regarding enhancing the ground clearance and installation of safety devices to prevent any chance of danger to free movement of animals. The project has also been reviewed and cleared by National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) and Hon'ble Karnataka High Court.